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ASI budget down 10 percent for next year

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Associated Students Inc. (ASI) will work under a 10 percent budget reduction next year.

ASI President Kelly Griggs said the budget cut is not due to reduced funding, but a projected 10 percent cutback in student enrollment.

"We kind of have to take it as it comes, and I think they're making good decisions as to what is being cut," Griggs said.

ASI Director of Business Services Dwayne Brummett is currently working on the new budget with ASI business staff. The budget committee will review the revised budget. Once approved by the committee and the ASI Board of Directors, the budget will go into effect on July 1, the start of the next fiscal year.

"So at this point, it's a little premature to identify specifically what will be trimmed because the budget's still being developed," Brummett said. "But our goal is to not sacrifice the quality stuff."

While providing services for a smaller student population should equate in some ways it does not add up for everything.

"If you want to hold the same kinds of concerts, they don't come at a reduced cost," Griggs said.

ASI revenue is used primarily towards programs, student government and on-campus renovation. For example, the renovation of the University Union Plaza is being paid with ASI reserve money. ASI is also overseeing the expansion of the Recreation Center, which is being paid for by a student-approved grant. ASI also funds recreational classes, community outreach and other social events.

ASI funds are derived predomi-

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Local astrophysicist connects astronomy to climate change

Katie Grady
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Retired astrophysicist Dr. Ray Weymann of Atascadero weighed in on some hot and cold topics covering "Astronomy's Role in Climate Science" last Thursday at the United Methodist Church in San Luis Obispo.

Weymann explained everything from the composition of the earth's atmosphere to ice age cycles and the evolution of the sun in a two-hour presentation as part of the The Central Coast Astronomical Society (CCAS) monthly meeting.

He made his way to the front of the room wearing a button-up cuffed shirt, sweat pants and hiking boots. Promising to avoid getting too technical, he joked with the crowd.

"I've got more slides then you can shake a stick at," he said.

Weymann talked about how study of astronomy can inform global climate change on earth.

"We can turn to other stars to see how they behave ... and get a deeper understanding of our processes," Weymann said.

Studies show that Venus has seen an exponential temperature increase from 79 degrees Fahrenheit to 880 degrees Fahrenheit from data estimating back hundreds of years. The current temperature is enough to melt a lead brick. Scientists are now thinking there were once oceans on Venus, and the planet also shows volcanic activity. Acting as a reflection of a future earth is highly unlikely, but not impossible, Weymann said.

Although the information may seem technical to some, Weymann discussed what may be considered simplistic to many of the astronomy enthusiasts in the audience.

"When children are about three to four years old, they are constantly asking, 'Why?'" Weymann said. "Such as, 'Why is it hotter in summer than winter?' I hope none of you say, 'Because the earth is closer to the sun in summer.' It's actually the opposite. In January, the Northern Hemisphere is closest to the sun."

Weymann ended the night with the earth's dismal fate followed by questions from a packed room of roughly 40 spectators.

"In 7 billion years, the sun will be over twice as bright and the earth will be completely vaporized," Weymann said, concluding the presentation. "Doesn't that make all of your problems seem minor?"

Aurora Lipper, President of The Central Coast Astronomical Society said she was excited to have him speak.

"He found us when he first moved to Atascadero," Lipper said. "He is very passionate about what he does, and usually draws a pretty big crowd."

Even at 75 years old, Weymann spoke with the enthusiasm of a little boy with his favorite toy spaceship.

"Ever since I was a little lad, I wanted to be an astronomer," Weymann said. "My dad would take us up to the mountains, and it was so dark and beautiful. That was around the time I first went to the Griffith Observatory Planetarium and fell in love."

Weymann went to Cal Tech as an undergraduate, and got his Ph.D in Astrophysics from Princeton University. He then taught astronomy at the University of Arizona from 1960-1986. After that, he moved to Pasadena, Ca. where he acted as Director of the Carnegie Observatories. In 2003, he retired and moved to Atascadero to be closer to his family.

Amateur Radio Club showcases emergency communication

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The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club hosted a booth on Dexter Lawn Tuesday. Club members brought several portable radio communication devices to show visitors how people communicate during an emergency.

Patrick Leiva
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The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club held an emergency communications demonstration to showcase the use of portable radio communication in today's modern world, Tuesday on Dexter Lawn.

Club president Marcel Stieber said the demonstration was run completely off battery power to simulate a disaster situation in which normal communication modes would be down.

He said the club routinely practices mock-disaster situations and has provided emergency communications during both the Highway 41 fire and the Loma Prieta earthquake.

"Today's event is to demonstrate the usefulness of amateur radio during emergency situations," Stieber said.

The club used a variety of different communicating devices during its field day. The communicating equipment showcased included Automatic Packet Report System (APRS), Internet Radio Linking Protocol (IRLP), ultra high frequency/very high frequency repeaters, which transmit locally, and high frequency long range communications.

John Cape, the club's former president for the past two years, talked about the importance of these communicators in a disaster situation.

"Amateur radio communicators are the primary form of communication until the system gets rebuilt," Cape said.

Stieber and Cape both pointed out that high frequency communication is the most effective in disaster situations because it doesn't depend on any infrastructure and can travel over far distances.

"With a very small portable system, we can reach anywhere in the world," Cape said.

The club utilizes an 80-foot antenna tower for high-frequency transmissions. It is located outside of the Engineering East building, room 123 and was donated in 1976. Stieber said they received transmissions from the East Coast and a small island called Dominica in the Caribbean during their demonstration.

Another vital communication system the club uses is the Automatic Position Reporting System. This system gives off GPS coordinates which are produced on a map from certain beacons. The club used

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the APRS in events such as the Tri-California Wildflower triathlon, Cal Poly Wheelman Bike Race and other community events.

Stieber said the system is placed on ambulances and other support vehicles to locate them, allowing the closest vehicle to respond.

In order to start transmitting, Stieber said people must obtain a license since the Federal Communications Commission designated the set frequencies for use by licensed people only. There are three types of license classes: technician, general and extra.

"The technician class gives you basic operating ability," Stieber said. "The general and subsequently the extra license allow you to transmit on more frequencies with more power."

The technician exam is a 35 question pass/fail test; all questions and answers are available through the FCC Web site. Stieber said every person who passes is assigned a call sign through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Stieber said it is one of the few clubs with many available resources at its disposal.

Edward Adams, a computer engineering senior, said the club presents an opportunity to use the equipment for his senior project.

"The club allows me to transmit on their frequencies from any power," Adams said. "It gives people a way to educate themselves on the use of radio communication."

Despite both being radio communicators, amateur radio differs from normal AM/FM radio. Stieber said amateur radio is allocated by the FCC for citizens to use for public service and as a hobby. Normal radio is typically used for the broadcasting of music and news.

The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club was founded in 1947 and is currently the second-oldest club on campus. Today, the club consists of five officers and about 20 contributing members.

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nately from fees all Cal Poly students pay as part of enrollment tuition, but some of the craft and exercise classes charge a supplementary fee.

The ASI budget cut is not an isolated event, but rather a part of the CSU budget crisis that includes professor furlough days and faculty lay-offs. Assistant accounting professor Rodney P. Mock said while it seems like you could enroll more students to offset the school deficit, that's not the way the CSU system works.

"Maybe the public doesn't realize that, because we're a state university, it actually costs money to send a student to school," Mock said. "Hence the reduced enrollment."

Business administration senior Sydney Feeter compared the current economic situation to being stuck between a rock and a hard place.

"It's unfortunate this is happening but we've seen how bad the budget is," Feeter said. "We've cut the fat; there's no good solution. This isn't anyone's first choice, but this is what the college has to do to survive."

As the budget tightens across the state, Cal Poly economics Chair Steve Hamilton suggested that programs like ASI look into other, more entrepreneurial methods of funding. Other options include raising fees for remaining students or cutting back on programs.

"Would a student prefer to have 10 percent less programs or 10 percent more fees?" Hamilton said. "It's a little hard to answer that question because it's not a market-driven process."

While the cutbacks will take some planning to adjust to, the corporation is not entirely unprepared. Griggs said ASI staff have kept a reserve fund, "kind of for a rainy day, which we're having now. So I don't think the students will notice any difference."

ASI currently employs more than 500 Cal Poly students at a variety of on-campus jobs and has a full-time staff of approximately 60 members.

Poly Canyon earns gold for 'green'

Rhiannon Montgomery
MUSTANG DAILY

The Poly Canyon project received LEED's gold certification for building 'green.'

The certification means that the complex was built with the strict standards of sustainability and energy efficiency in mind. Joel Neel, project manager, said it's a process that started with the design team and was followed by the building contractor.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a program run by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The council is a non-profit organization that works with designers and builders to lower the impact of development.

"We're excited because Poly Canyon makes 25 percent of (the buildings on campus) sustainable," Neel said.

He added it makes Cal Poly the highest in the CSU system.

Mike Montoya, a construction management professor, said it was a challenge because of the massive size of the project. But the benefits far outweigh any perceived inconveniences.

LEED is built on a point system that weighs not only what materials are used, but the impact of getting those materials to the site. In addition LEED coordinators consider the air quality during and after construction, as well as the health benefits to those living in the buildings. Montoya said residents in these buildings will get sick far less, score better on tests and have reduced risks of asthma and cardiovascular issues.

Points are assigned based not only on the building projects but the community as a whole said Dao Doan, senior principle at the local USBGC office. Doan said if the community caters to biking, walking and cutting down on individual vehicle trips points are added to the certification.

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> Poly Canyon project manager

"We want to encourage developing communities to go green," Doan said.

He said the certification is based on 100 total available points for each site. Poly Canyon received 42 points, which landed the complex in the gold rating.

Montoya said buildings that meet LEED certification provide many benefits to the community. They use less energy, are made from recycled materials and people who live in these buildings tend to have less health problems than those who live in older buildings that do not meet the qualifications.

The certification is not handed over without serious consideration and review, which is why it took time from the completion of the project before it was received. Montoya said everything has to be documented, not only on paper but with photographs before it is submitted to the USBGC for review.

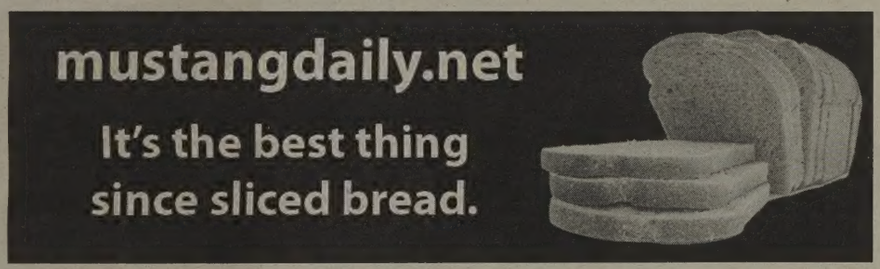
Montoya said the certification keeps builders from claiming they have built something green when they haven't.

"It cuts down on green-washing, keeps people honest," Montoya said.

During the building of Poly Canyon, 90 percent of the waste was diverted from the landfill through various recycling programs. Neel said the buildings in Poly Canyon are 42 percent more efficient than national standards in part because of the natural ventilation system. There are no air conditioners in Poly Canyon. And water flow has been reduced by 32 percent compared to older buildings on campus.

Neel said Cal Poly will continue to strive for certification of new buildings which qualify for the program. He said Faculty Offices East is LEED certified and the new Recreation Center will be when it's built. Montoya thinks every building on campus should be certified.

"It's a no-brainer and it doesn't cost any more," Montoya said of building to LEED specifications and the benefits that come with it.



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Airport security is a tech-firm gold rush

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LOS ANGELES — For airline passengers, the attempted Christmas Day terror attack and a directive by President Obama to pursue advanced screening technology will certainly mean added security procedures at airports.

So for high-tech companies, the increased focus on airport security means new opportunities to land hefty government contracts.

Among those is Syagen Technology Inc., a Tustin, Calif., company with 20 employees that has built an airport screening device that blows air on travelers and then analyzes the cast-off particles to detect explosives. The Transportation Safety Administration shelved an older version of the device because of maintenance problems. But, company President Jack Syage said, the Christmas attack has renewed interest in the next generation of air-analyzing units.

"Everybody has started to talk about new technology at the airports," he said.

Other firms, including a small New York company that makes a shoe-scanning device and a Torrance, Calif., venture that builds screeners to take full-body images of passengers, have shifted into high gear in recent weeks to meet the renewed security efforts.

And plenty of money is at stake.

The Obama administration set aside $1 billion last year in stimulus funds for new security technology for the TSA. About $700 million of that will be spent to improve baggage screening efforts, and $300 million is allocated for technology to detect explosives carried by passengers.

In response to a presidential order this month to "aggressively pursue advanced screening technology" at airports, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said her agency would move quickly to deploy new machinery and would work with other government agencies to develop cutting-edge security equipment.

Some of the new technology may also come from government scientists. The Homeland Security Department's science and technology directorate operates a laboratory in New Jersey where technology is developed and tested.

"There are a lot of things we are looking at that are not ready for prime time," said John S. Verrico, a spokesman for the directorate. "A lot of it may not even work."

Such devices will be added to what analysts call a "layered approach" to airport security. This means that before passengers board an airplane, they must clear a series of security measures and devices such as watch lists, X-ray scanners, metal detectors and full-body image scanners.

Despite the advanced wizardry of today's security devices, some terrorists might already be devising ways to skirt them.

"Even though it is a layered approach, it is fairly predictable," said Steve Vinsik, a vice president at Unisys Corp., one of the many larger companies also involved in the rush to improve airport security. The Pennsylvania firm won a contract last month to design and manage a security system for Los Angeles International, L.A./Ontario International and Van Nuys airports.

Unisys evaluates and coordinates the use of different technologies, but Vinsik said he believes more money should be spent to train and dispatch airport security agents.

"At the end of the day, there is no computer system that is going to replace that," he said.

Still, small and large technology companies see the heightened concern about airline security as a chance to turn a profit.

Michael Goldberg, president of IDO Security, a New York company with 11 employees, was thrilled last month when the TSA issued a "request for information" on devices that screen shoes for weapons and explosives.

TSA wants to gather information about the technology on the market, with an eye toward eventually ordering the devices.

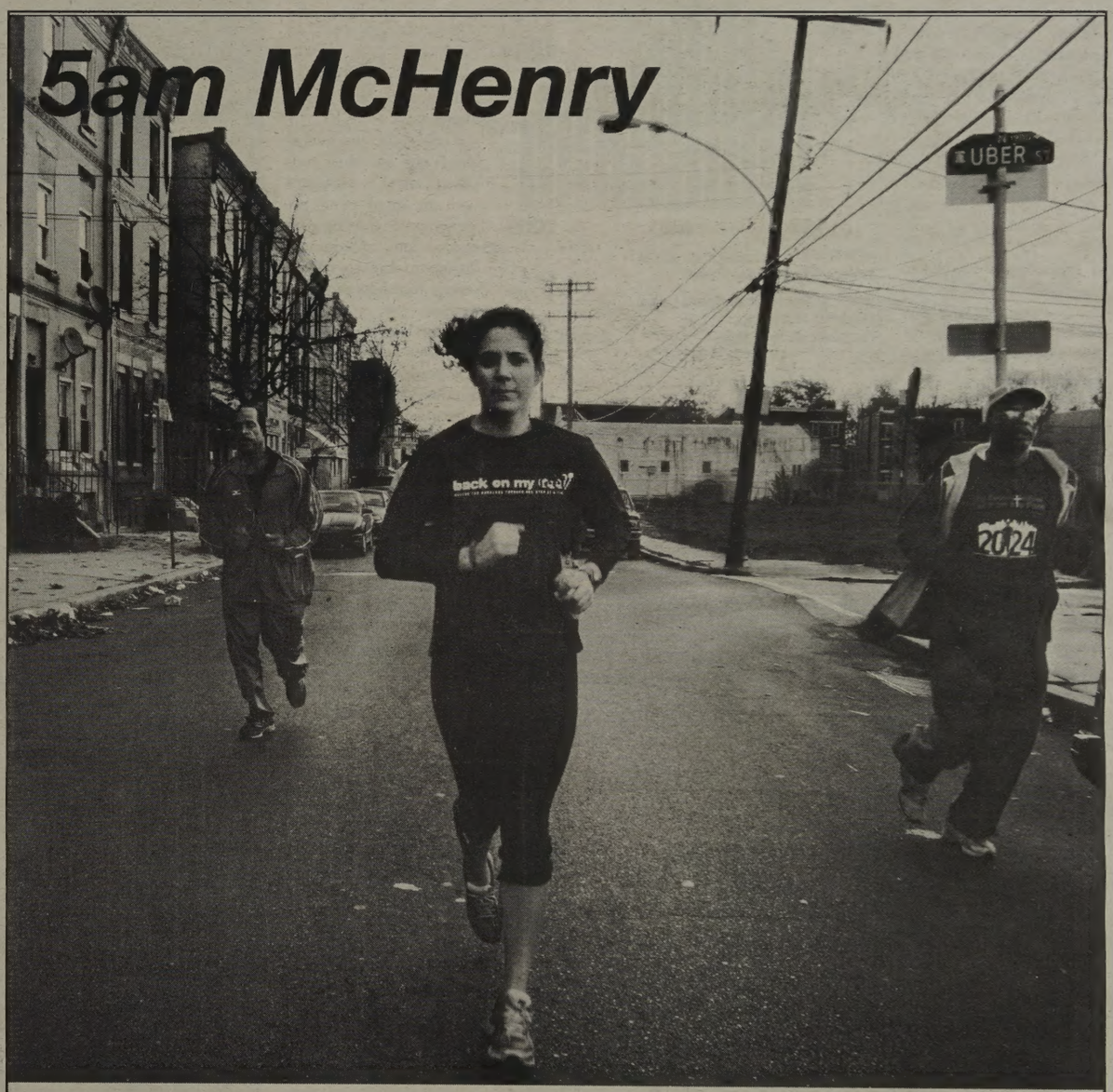
Goldberg submitted to the TSA information on his invention, the Magshoe, a step-on device that screens shoes while they're still on passengers' feet. The units, priced between $5,000 and $7,000 each, can detect metal and metal compounds in explosive material. The Magshoe is already in use at airports in Israel.

"The time for our technology has definitely come," Goldberg said.

After the attempted attack on Christmas Day, in which a Nigerian national is accused of trying to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear on a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit, the TSA announced plans to buy 300 new full-body scanners that can produce what looks like a nude image of passengers, showing weapons and explosives hidden under clothes.

Smiths Detection Inc., a New Jersey-based security technology firm with about 2,500 employees, is testing a full-body scanner that can produce a passenger image instantly. (Similar devices take up to 15 seconds to create the image.) The units sell for about $170,000 each.

"The TSA is aware of this technology," said Mark Laustra, vice president of homeland security for Smiths Detection, which has been making X-ray machines and other security devices for airports since the 1980s. "The indications we have are that it is something they want to look at more closely."



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Top military officer calls for 'don't ask, don't tell' repeal

Julian E. Barnes
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The nation's top military officer said Tuesday that he supports allowing gays to openly serve, adding a powerful voice to the deeply controversial issue as the Pentagon announced steps to prepare for possibly ending its 17-year ban on homosexuality.

Adm. Michael G. Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in an appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee that the military would follow the 1993 law, known as "don't ask, don't tell." Nonetheless, he said, his personal views were firm.

"Speaking for myself and myself only, it is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do," Mullen said.

His views are particularly important in the debate. It was one of his predecessors, Gen. Colin Powell, who played a major role in derailing then-President Bill Clinton's failed bid to allow gays to serve openly in the military. In 1993, Powell called the policy a "healthy compromise." But in December 2008, he said the ban should be reviewed.

Mullen on Tuesday announced a yearlong Defense Department review that he said would examine the effects of repealing "don't ask, don't tell," as well as gauge changes that would have to be made in military benefits, rules and facilities.

More immediately, Pentagon officials said that within 45 days they would decide how to change the way the military enforces the law — which prohibits gays from serving openly and can result in involuntary discharge. More than 14,000 service members have been booted out after being accused of being gay or having said that they were.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, said they would consider temporarily suspending the requirement that the Pentagon enforce the law. But President Barack Obama wants "don't-ask, don't tell" rescinded this year. And while some in Congress favor an immediate repeal, others may want to wait for the results of the Pentagon review.

Advocates for gay service members said they were disappointed with the timeline the Pentagon outlined.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during the hearing that in addition to the yearlong review, a change in the law should be implemented over the course of another year. Gates and other officials believe that it is critical to move slowly so that the changes are understood and accepted by service members.

Gates said he understood gays and their supporters might be frustrated with the length of the review, but said the Pentagon needed time to minimize disruption and to talk to service members about the change.

"The question before us is not whether the military prepares to make this change, but how we best prepare for it. We have received our orders from the commander-in-chief and we are moving out accordingly," Gates said. "However, we also can only take this process so far as the ultimate decision rests with you, the Congress."

By relaxing enforcement of the law, Gates said, military officials could prevent the policy from being used vindictively. Gates said the department could require that more senior officers initiate and conduct investigations of sexual orientation. He also said the military could "raise the bar" on what counts as reliable evidence in such inquiries.

"Overall we can reduce the instances where a service member, who is trying to serve the country honorably, is outed by a third person with a motive to harm the service member," Gates said.

Democrats at the hearing were supportive of Gates and Mullen.

Sen. Carl M. Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, supports ending the ban. After the hearing, he said he has not decided how to approach the issue legislatively. One possibility is including a moratorium on discharges of gay service members in this year's defense authorization bill, he said.

Republicans, however, voiced support for the "don't ask, don't tell" law. Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the senior Republican on the committee, said while imperfect,

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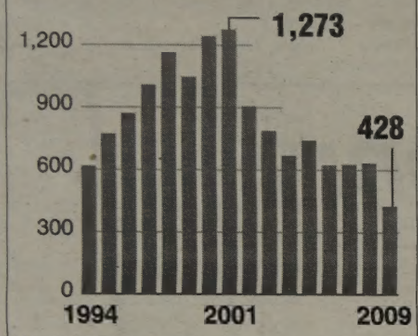
Discharged gays

Under the 1993 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law, about 13,500 openly gay, lesbian and bisexual service persons have been discharged from the U.S. military.



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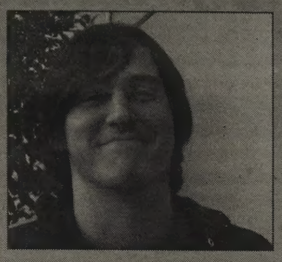
WORD ON THE STREET

"If you could compete in any winter Olympic sport which would you choose?"



"Ice skating; it seems pretty cool. I like dancing so it looks pretty fun."

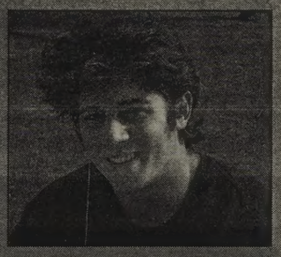
-Moniko Comeo, *kinesology senior*

"Ice skating, because it's so beautiful, so graceful. You have to be very skilled and have lots of creativity and balance."

-Rochelle Reyes, *graphic communication senior*

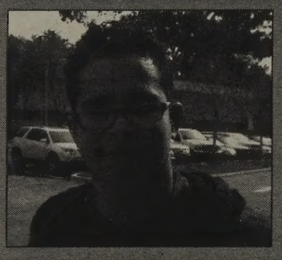
"Bobsledding; it seems super cool and you get to sit down when you do it. It takes some skill but you have three others with you."

-Ashley Dias, *psychology senior*



"Snowboarding, just because I like it."

-Achilleas Fourakis, *economics sophomore*



"Ice skating. That would mean I would know how. It looks cool to learn and pretty awesome."

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-Erika Samuel, *business administration junior*

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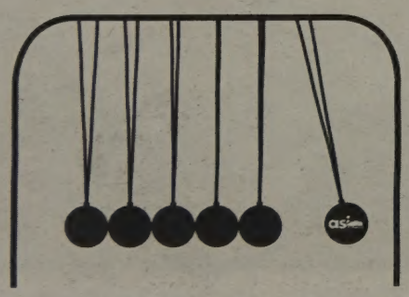

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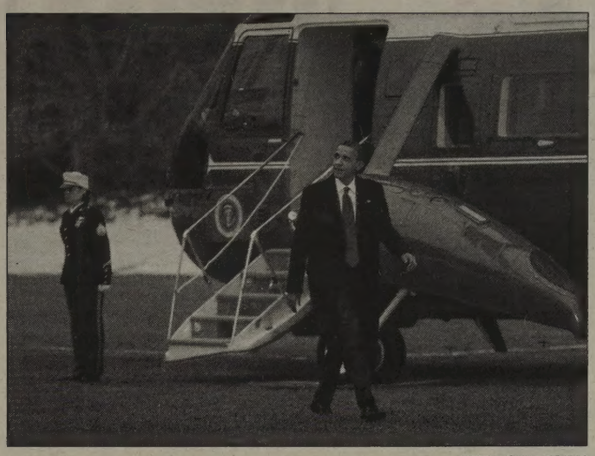

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

President Barack Obama arrives at the South Lawn of the White House from Marine One in Washington DC Tuesday.

Don Lee and Peter Nicholas
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, continuing his pivot to small businesses and the economy, went on the road Tuesday to promote a new proposal that would take $30 billion repaid by bailed-out Wall Street institutions and use it to fund community bank loans to small firms.

The proposal seeks to ease the unusually tight credit that many small businesses have experienced since the recession — an obstacle seen as a major barrier in hiring. It comes on the heels of an Obama plan announced last week to give up to $5,000 in tax credits to companies for every new worker they employ this year. Both proposals would require congressional action and are part of the president's shift in focus to small businesses in a bid to fire up America's dormant job machine as well as his political standing.

"We're going to start where most new jobs do — with small businesses," Obama said in prepared remarks at a town hall in Nashua, N.H., repeating a statement he made in the State of the Union address. Of the new proposal, he added: "This will help small banks do even more of what our economy needs — ensure that small businesses are once again the engine of job growth in America."

Small businesses traditionally have led the economy in job creation coming out of recessions, but many of them have been reluctant to add new workers in the face of weak sales, uncertainties about the economic recovery and future legislation, and the difficulties of obtaining financing in the wake of the deep financial crisis.

The credit constraint was underscored in a Federal Reserve survey released Monday showing that, although banks have largely stopped tightening lending standards, those institutions raising hurdles for borrowers were more apt to do so for small businesses than big companies. What's more, the Fed's quarterly survey of senior loan officers found that smaller banks — which lend mostly to smaller firms — were more likely to toughen standards.

Banks have blamed some of the tightening of lending standards on stronger pressures from regulators after the credit binge earlier this decade. But the financing situation for small businesses has been particularly acute in part because many of them own property, and in the aftermath of the real estate bust, they lost key collateral for loans. Moreover, many self-employed people rely on home-equity loans and personal credit cards to support their businesses — and those credit lines have been slashed in the last year.

Small-business experts said that a greater flow of credit, like payroll tax credits, will certainly help, but in themselves won't be enough for many firms that are struggling mostly with anemic sales. William Dunkelberg, an economist for the National Federation of Independent Business, a small-business lobbying group, says his surveys of employers suggest that poor sales are far and above the top reason most are not hiring. The Fed survey confirmed that business demand for credit remained weak, particularly from small companies.

"It's purely the lack of sales," said Phil Kenny, an owner of Trucks Unique Inc., a 13-employee firm in Albuquerque, N.M., that modifies commercial trucks. Kenny sees some faint signs that business conditions are improving, but says he won't begin to add workers until the outlook becomes clearer. "There's a lot of anxiety among customers and business owners," he added. In addition to the economy, "the uncertainty with respect to what's going to be happening with taxes, health care and everything else, that's caused anxiety. So you stand still and wait to see what happens."

But other business owners say easier access to credit will help them expand — and hire. And with Obama, lawmakers and many others in Washington chanting the call for job-creation programs, small businesses can expect more support. In his State of the Union address, Obama said he would help small firms boost exports, and he is also pushing Congress to adopt a jobs-creation package.

The House of Representatives last fall passed a $44 billion bill that would boost the cap on federal loan-guarantee programs available through the Small Business Administration.

With funds from the $787 billion Recovery Act passed last February, the SBA has helped more than 42,000 small companies with loans — about 13,600 of them new businesses, said Jonathan Swain, an SBA assistant administrator.

Briefs

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Cuesta College announced Tuesday that a majority of the summer semester offerings will be eliminated this year in response to the continuing economic downturn.

All classes will be eliminated for the 2010 summer semester only. This action was taken in response to the elimination of federal stimulus monies and the projected 2010-2011 state budget. In addition, Cuesta College experienced near record enrollment numbers for the 2009-2010 school year. This pushed the college's Full Time Equivalent Student (FTES) count above the state formulated funding cap, resulting in approximately 400 unfunded FTES.

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LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Twelve years after Dr. Andrew Wakefield published his research in the international medical journal the Lancet purporting that the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine causes autism; the journal on Tuesday formally retracted the paper.

The action came less than a week after the U.K. General Medical Council's Fitness to Practice Panel concluded that Wakefield had provided false information in the report and acted with "callous disregard" for the children in the study. The council is now considering whether Wakefield is guilty of serious professional misconduct.

National

MERIDIAN, Idaho (MCT) — On Tuesday, 10 Americans from Central Valley Baptist Church were put in a Haitian jail, awaiting a hearing to determine whether they would be charged for what officials there contend was attempted kidnapping and child trafficking.

The group — whose members said they only intended to provide shelter and care in the neighboring Dominican Republic — was stopped at the border Friday night with 33 children, many of whom turned out not to be orphans.

At Central Valley Baptist Church here, officials strongly dispute the suggestion that members of their congregation were engaged in human trafficking. "It doesn't match the character of any of the people on this trip," Pastor Clint Henry said Tuesday.

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WASHINGTON (MCT) — If Congress signs off on the money to purchase the Thomson prison in Illinois, it could see its first federal inmates by mid-2011, a Justice Department official said.

President Barack Obama on Monday submitted a budget proposal to Congress asking for $237 million for the largely vacant prison in northwestern Illinois. Some terrorism suspects from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, would be housed there, as would Bureau of Prisons inmates, administration officials have said.

International

MEXICO CITY (MCT) — A kidnapping attempt in northern Mexico led to a highway car chase and gun battle that left seven gunmen and a federal police officer dead, Mexican authorities said.

The federal Public Safety Ministry said two kidnapping victims were freed after the late-Monday shootout with gunmen believed to belong to the drug-trafficking gang known as the Zetas.

Federal police in Coahuila state went to a shopping center in the city of Torreon after getting a report that two people had been taken captive. When the officers arrived, the suspects opened fire, authorities said.

One gunman was killed and another seriously wounded in the exchange of fire.

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BEIJING (MCT) — A recent move by North Korean officials to re-jigger the nation's economic system has introduced a new level of misery to everyday life.

In the last month, the price of rice rose tenfold at private markets, and residents hoping to purchase food often had to wait in line for hours in subzero temperatures.

Humanitarian aid workers, meanwhile, have been unable to travel to large portions of the country because many hotels no longer accept foreign currency and the exchange rate bounces around wildly.

Military

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the policy had worked and should not be changed.

In 2006, McCain said in an interview that he would seriously consider dropping the ban if the military leadership advocated a change. But Tuesday, he appeared in no mood to reverse his opposition. Instead, he accused Gates and Mullen of trying to force through a change in the law.

"I'm happy to say that we still have a Congress of the United States that would have to pass a law to repeal 'don't ask, don't tell,' despite your efforts to repeal it in many respects by fiat," McCain said.

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A passion for dance:

Cal Poly student opens hip-hop dance studio

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Heidi Asefvaziri (left) opened Street HEAT Dance Company as a way to offer less-expensive classes to students. Dancers Edgar Calvo, Kendra Brewer and Alyssa Dahlstedt have been members of the studio since its opening.

Leticia Rodriguez
MUSTANG DAILY

As a dance teacher, the one thing that really upsets Cal Poly business administration junior Heidi Asefvaziri are students who have to quit her class because they can't afford the payments. So she came up with her own solution: open her own street hip-hop studio.

Last month, that idea became reality. Asefvaziri, a former hip-hop teacher for the Academy of Dance, opened up the Street HEAT Dance Company in San Luis Obispo so she could charge less for students who love hip-hop but can't afford the fees at other studios.

"When someone leaves my studio because they can't afford it, that affects the teacher,"

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Poet to discuss love, race at Another Type of Groove

Raquel Redding
MUSTANG DAILY

National Slam Poetry Champion Shihan will be performing for Another Type of Groove's (ATOG) celebration of Black History Month this Wednesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Chumash Auditorium. Shihan, most known for being apart of HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry, uses his own life experiences giving his poetry an element of sincerity.

Student coordinator of Black History Month Shauna Kimball has been a fan of Shihan's for five years ever since she saw him on Def Jam Poetry.

"Shihan's poetry is really relatable, everyone can grasp some type of emotion from it," Kimball said.

With poems that often talk about his wife and children, he also writes poetry that serves a purpose. From poverty and capitalism to institutional racism, Shihan brings to light the injustices in the world as well as the little things that can easily be taken for granted.

"Love and heartbreak, the good and the bad, is what Shihan speaks about. My favorite poem of his is called 'This Type Love." It will probably make me cry," Kimball said.

Opening "This Type Love," with lyrics, "I want a love that makes me wait until she falls asleep then wonder if she is dreaming about us being in love, type love," the poem, which takes three minutes to perform, goes on to explain the rest of the types of love he wants. Shihan ends the poem talking about his wife and the love he has found with her.

Shihan grew up in New York's Lower East Side and began his writing career in 1989, which he used to get a scholarship to Williston North Hampton School for Creative Writing. After signing with MGA Records in 1993, Shihan wrote for the video game NBA Jam Session series and the theme for Reebok's "Blacktop" campaign. The first poet to be named iTunes "Download of the week," Shihan was also a part of the writing and performing for MTV's Rock the Vote campaign and Schoolhouse Rocks videos.

COURTESY PHOTO

Assistant Coordinator of the MultiCultural Center Bryn Smith said she was happy to get Shihan for Black History Month since he is such a powerful speaker.

"We are really looking forward to hearing him perform here. His reputation as an outstanding, captivating performer precedes him, we're really excited about having him on stage because he is very much in demand," Smith said.

Being in demand as a

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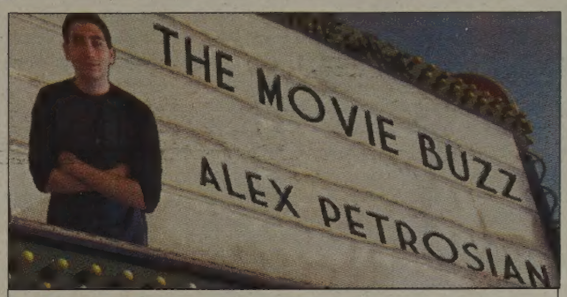
movie column

Gibson makes a comeback with "Edge of Darkness"



Edge of Darkness [2010]

★★★

Director: Martin Campbell
Starring: Mel Gibson, Ray Winstone, Danny Huston

Mel Gibson has not had a major film role since he played the lead in M. Night Shyamalan's 2002 ingenious thriller "Signs." Since then, he has kept busy directing two impressive and successful films: 2004's blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ" and 2006's "Apocalypto." He was also under the spotlight a few years ago for some less then flattering remarks made while being arrested for driving under the influence — an event that almost completely tarnished his reputation as a respected Hollywood heavyweight.

Many people, critics and moviegoers alike, criticized director Martin Campbell for choosing to cast Gibson in his new movie "Edge of Darkness," a film adaptation of the 1985 BBC television series of the same name. Despite all this however, Campbell ultimately made the right decision, making a flawed but enthralling crime drama that allows Gibson to prove that he hasn't lost his touch.

Mel Gibson plays a Boston detective named Thomas Craven, a respected veteran of the force who lives a lonely quiet life and who's only true love comes in the form of his daughter Emma (Bojana Novakovic). Emma is employed by a massive corporation named Northmoor, which in this film is similar to the corrupt and secretive corporations we are used to seeing in James Bond movies.

The plot kicks off with Emma's unexpected visit back home, a trip made even more mysterious by her chronic nosebleed. A bleeding nose can mean a lot of things, but in a plot like this the cause is probably

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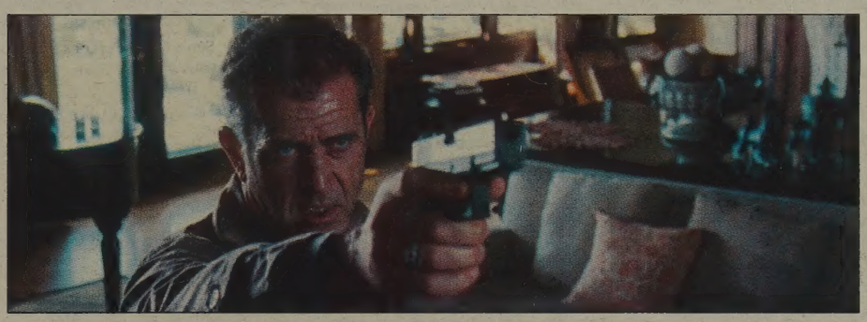

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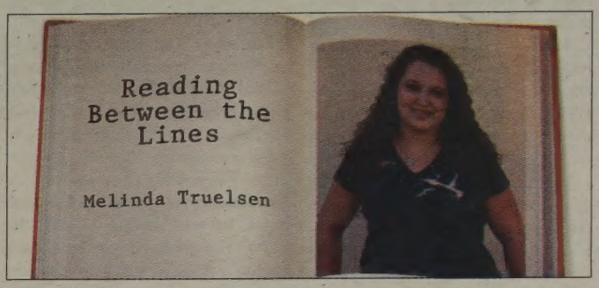
Mel Gibson stars in "Edge of Darkness," a remake of the 1985 BBC television series of the same name.

book column

"The Virgin Blue" weaves plotlines that are centuries apart



While Chevalier may be most well known for her novel turned film, "Girl with a Pearl Earring," her debut work, "The Virgin Blue," is actually far superior to her more popular works. Set in 16th century Switzerland and present day France, Chevalier creates a story that weaves together intriguing characters and suspenseful plotlines, which result in a compelling and emotional novel that will have you hooked from the start.

Modern day Ella Turner moves to Toulouse, France with her husband, Rick, after his career requires them to relocate. Rick, an easygoing Californian, complete with blond ponytail and bronzy tan, fits in surprisingly well in their new quaint life in the smaller village of Lisle-sur-Tarn. Ella, however, does not have as much success.

Still struggling to learn the language and trying to pass the necessary exams to continue her vocation of being a midwife in France, Ella feels lost and alone in their new home. It doesn't help matters that she is still viewed as an outsider amid the townspeople – being shunned by the local women and business people because of her American idiosyncrasies and habits.

Despite the difficulties of starting a new life in a new country, Ella is optimistic that her situation will improve. Until, that is, she begins having unsettling dreams about French psalms and distant relatives. Her nights are haunted with the most vivid blue color she has ever seen — something that would be beautiful and intriguing if it weren't for the unknown and haunting origins.

Her dreams escalate until she can no longer ignore the mysterious scenes and she resolves to find out more about her French ancestors — a journey which will lead her to Jean-Paul, a man who is unlike her husband in every way. Soon she begins questioning everything about her life in France, her relationship with her husband, and especially, herself. Falling deeper and deeper into the search for her ancestors, Ella is ultimately led into a search for herself, discovering more than she ever expected.

Intertwined with the present day story of Ella is the tumultuous history of her ancestor Isabelle du Moulin, who flees France to escape

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Catholic persecution for a safer home in Switzerland. She endures a cruel mother-in-law, insensitive husband and an unfamiliar country all while trying to be the foundation of her now broken family. Her tale ends with a horrific but engrossing chain of events that finally links her to descendent Ella.

One of the most enthralling features of Chevalier's writing is her ability to intertwine these two plotlines in a way that doesn't allow the reader to guess at anything. She reveals only what is necessary to the reader in order to further the suspense and the building of emotional investment in the plot and characters.

The danger of revealing too much and giving away the story, that often traps writers of historical fiction, is not a problem for Chevalier as she expertly weaves together these two distinct plotlines. Through its twists and turns, there is always something new to be found in this novel, making it more than worthy of taking up residence on your library shelves.

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Hip-hop

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Asefvaziri said. "No one wants to see money be an issue for anyone's passion and I'm the first person to step up and say I'm not going to let money be a restriction to keep someone from doing what they love."

Asefvaziri didn't discover her own love for dance until she took a class in April 2009. She said even though during her first class she "unbelievably sucked," she went home feeling that this was something she was meant to do.

Over the next couple of months, she took as many classes as she could before being asked to take over as an instructor for the advanced hip-hop class in June. After choreographing and performing in a dance routine for the academy in September, Asefvaziri said she realized her true passion lay in teaching students. Everything, she said, just went from there.

"I just had a plethora of choreography that I just wanted to download on somebody so I just started dancing and coming up with stuff and teaching it to other people," Asefvaziri said.

The students she has taught so far keep coming back. Cal Poly microbiology senior Edgar Calvo first started taking classes from Asefvaziri when she was teaching at the academy last year. Calvo, fairly new to choreography, was asked by Asefvaziri to dance in a promotional video for her new studio with fellow dancers Alyssa Dahlstedt and Kendra Brewer. From there, Calvo said he discovered Asefvaziri's passion for hip-hop. It is her excitement and innovation that keeps him returning each week.

"Heidi has a passion for hip-hop dance like no one I've met in San Luis Obispo and I just kind of gravitated toward that," Calvo said. "The choreography is something you can't really find in San Luis Obispo."

Asefvaziri recognized not only an open market for hip-hop in San Luis Obispo, but for street hip-hop, a different form of the popular dance style. Street hip-hop, Asefvaziri said, has more to do with general choreography than technical moves. The style includes popping and locking, both of which rely on the performer to move their body in sometimes fast and strict movements.

As the sole choreographer at Street HEAT Dance Company, Asefvaziri teaches classes meant for intermediate to experienced dancers who already have a background in hip-hop but Asefvaziri encourages people of all experience levels to attend a class.

"For my class, you come already knowing (the steps)," Asefvaziri said. "So when I lock or pop, I don't have to break it down for you, people are already going to know what it is. I don't slow down the pace of my class or anything but they love the music and they're highly energized. They're completely lost but they love the energy and everything that comes with it."

But Dahlstedt said Asefvaziri's devotion to her students is what should bring beginning dancers to the studio. Dahlstedt, who has been dancing with Asefvaziri since the Academy and is now a regular at the new studio, said a lot of what makes the classes so fun is Asefvaziri's "warm spirit" and her willingness to help students learn the dance outside of class.

"She's basically willing to do anything to support her students," Dahlstedt said. "She's not doing it to make money, she's doing it because she has a passion for dance and I think that's really cool."

Street HEAT Dance Company is located at 207 Suburban Road, unit 13. Asefvaziri offers a coed advanced hip-hop class Thursday nights at 7:30 and a women's only class Friday nights at 6:30.

Shihan

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poet has prompted Shihan to go on a college-based poetry tour, from the University of Georgia to the University of Arizona. He has also hosted the nation's largest open mic called Da' Poetry Lounge in Hollywood for the past seven years, while also being apart of HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry, as a Talent Coordinator as well as a performer.

"I'm co-hosting the event, with Adonna Anderson, so I'm super juiced to meet him," Kimball said.

With two open mics and two sets of performances by Shihan there is availability for students and non-students to read their poetry. Student Program Coordinator Michelle Fox said a lot of people write poetry but may not have a place to read it out loud, which Another Type Of Groove provides.

"Another Type of Groove is very different from anything else available on campus, people are openly displaying emotion," Fox said. "The poets are usually in the crowds, or at the merchandise table. They are often very approachable."

Another Type of Groove has been around since 2000 when the MultiCultural Center and Student Life & Leadership created the program to introduce diversity related issues through the spoken word. The mission of ATOG is to create open space for the interchange of ideas, beliefs and personal expression as well as actively and artistically engaging in issues of diversity.

This will be the first time Shihan has performed for Cal Poly's ATOG.

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much more alarming. Craven's world is soon after turned upside down with the murder of Emma on his front door step — an attack that is initially believed to be a failed assassination attempt on Thomas himself.

Craven later becomes more and more suspicious of the circumstances surrounding his daughter's "unnecessary" death. His investigation eventually leads him to Northmoor's headquarters, a sophisticated structure that, in comparison to the rest of the film, seems a bit over the top. Northmoor's chairman, Jack Bennett, is played by skilled actor Danny Huston ("X-Men Origins: Wolverine," "The Constant Gardener"), son of legendary director John Huston. In terms of an audience member's point of view, the movie does a great job of making Bennett seem almost too nice and too courteous, characteristics that Craven does not ignore.

As mentioned earlier, the main problem, and possibly the only significant problem with "Edge of Darkness" is the unrealistic feel of its antagonist, Northmoor. If the corporation had been more realistic, so would the film. Unfortunately, it instead unfolds into another typical "one cop saves the world" political thriller, albeit better than most other films that share this same plot.

The flow and captivating nature of the story are without a doubt carried by Gibson's outstanding performance and Campbell's impressive direction of a number of intense action sequences. Mel Gibson's portrayal of a man with nothing to lose resembles the actor's "Mad Max" days. He does a magnificent job of making his character of Thomas Craven seem like a sincere man on a mission that any viewer would support. He's joined in this by the great British actor Ray Winstone ("The Departed," "Sexy Beast"), as an deceptive free agent who turns up near Craven's house one night and whose interaction with Craven provides the movie with much of its attraction.

One of the reasons why this film does have a James Bond type feel to it is because of Campbell, who is responsible for arguably the two best Bond films of our generation, "GoldenEye" (1995) and "Casino Royale" (2006). The car chases, shootouts and close-up fights are all expertly choreographed and do not seem excessively complex for a veteran cop of the protagonist's age.

While this is by no means a perfect film, I enjoyed it not only because it was entertaining and successfully reminiscent of espionage films of the '70s, but mainly as a result of the lead performance. Mel Gibson has been recently cast in a number of interesting films that will be released in the next couple of years, and "Edge of Darkness" makes me that much more excited to see them.

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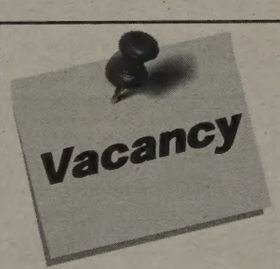

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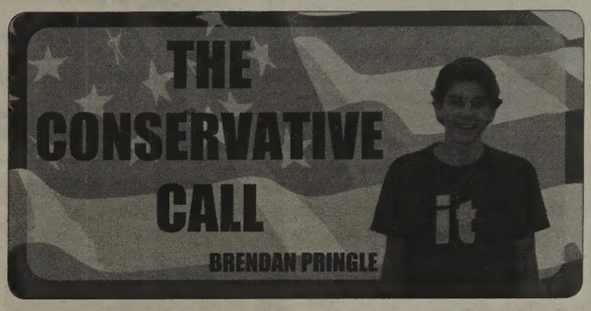
Obama's new $3.8 trillion budget asks too much of an already-stressed economy



On Monday, President Obama introduced the administration's new $3.8 trillion budget plan. This unfathomable figure becomes even more daunting when you take a closer look at the projected deficit caused by this budget: $1.267 trillion.

Even if math isn't your thing, it is easy to see a figure this large in our struggling economy is just plain dangerous. If this budget plan passes without alteration, we are on another road to financial meltdown.

Obama has once again succeeded in using his rhetoric to advance a seemingly bipartisan solution to the economic problems of our day. Yet, words can be deceiving, and there is no covering up the monstrous size and the long-term implications of this proposal.

First off, Obama is not really reaching out to the Republicans in Congress, he is only creating the illusion of concession to make a statement. Republican solidarity in Congress is hurting his approval ratings, as he has consistently promised the American people that he would work with both sides. Furthermore, the fact that his arch nemesis, FOX News, is quickly becoming the most trusted news network on television is making him rather anxious.

But while the president is talking the talk with promises of small business support, spending freezes and tax breaks, the money is going to the wrong places, and will not solve the problems of today. In reality, Obama is digging us deeper into a hole, and only making cuts in the least consequential areas. As Sen. Lamar Alexander pointed out in a recent interview, the government should not borrow from deficit spending programs like the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Programs like TARP are "troubled" on their own already, and do not need to be further burdened. This is just common sense.

As seen by the failure of the stimulus package, increased spending has shown no signs of improving the economy. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin reports that "Democrats, since they took over Congress, increased domestic spending by $1.4 trillion."

This reckless spending has had little, if any, positive impact on the economy. Unemployment still hovers at 10 percent, and the housing market is still floundering. The GDP may have increased, but nothing seems to have actually "changed" since Obama took office. And the so-called "freeze" on discretionary spending really only affects one-eighth of the budget. This may be a good start, but has no potential for any realistic impact. Unnecessary spending will still ensue without any mercy for the rising deficit.

And to make up for excessive spending, Obama's solution is raising taxes on the very people and businesses that keep our economy alive. As a hardworking employee in a small family business, I have personally seen the affects of government regulation, and the benefits of real tax cuts. Harmful federal and state regulations have triggered a staggering economy mainly because it impossible for employers to afford employees. His budget plan would raise taxes by almost $1 trillion for 3.2 million small businesses and the upper-income families that create our jobs. This additional burden will only do further harm to the job market, and make the search for a job after graduation even more difficult. Placing the tax burden on our potential employers will only hinder employment.

Vast government handouts have never helped our nation rebound from fiscal crisis. Obama needs to realize the potential of employers to save our economy. Americans want careers, not short-term, government-sponsored jobs. The reckless spending implied by this budget plan will only make the situation worse.

Obama's proposal is not a new solution at all. It is the stimulus package all over again. And this one will be worse than the last.

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NCAA doesn't favor the 'student' in student-athlete

When is a promise not a promise? When it's a lie.

Bear with me for a second non-football fans. The beginning of February is the perhaps the best month of the year. Obviously there is the Super Bowl, which everyone and their mother will be watching. But for crazed college football fans, February also brings national signing day. National signing day is the first day recruits can officially sign letters of intent to play for the school they choose.

Players may redshirt for a year or warm the bench but these young student athletes pledge their amateur careers to the school of their choice, and in return the schools pledge to house them for the next four or more years.

Ah, but therein lies the lie.

Ask any student-athlete about their scholarship and more than likely they will be under the impression that their scholarship is guaranteed for the time they are on campus, passing grades and playing their sport. Yet, as the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) rulebook states, athletic scholarships are limited to one academic year like most academic scholarships. A player can lose it essentially for any reason including athletic performance. So then how quickly can an athletes walking realization of playing at his dream school turn into a nightmare?

Very quick.

A lot of student athletes can run into this problem when facing a coaching change at their school. The notorious and recently well-documented example of this is John Calipari's takeover of the Kentucky basketball program. So drastic was the roster turnover that it prompted a report from ESPN's Outside the Lines show. Six athletes who were on scholarship were forced off the team. Some were told there may not be a scholarship available for them next year, others were told they would not play and some were told both. This essentially forced them to transfer to another school that would offer a scholarship. The only NCAA rule that affected the players is the one that mandated they sit out a year if they transferred to another Division I school.

Allen Sack, author of "College Athletes for Hire" said, "Calipari has done nothing wrong, in fact the rules (of the NCAA) totally support what he's done."

Those who still believe that the NCAA puts the student before the athlete and holds academics in the highest esteem should consider the case of Matt Pilgrim. After being forced out by Calipari at Kentucky, Pilgrim chose to go to Oklahoma State. Transferring from an agriculture program at Kentucky he wanted to possibly pursue business at Oklahoma State. Pilgrim's transcript had a lot of electives and since the NCAA requires progress towards a degree, he could not major in either agriculture or business. In fact, there was not a degree program at Oklahoma State that Pilgrim's counselor could find that fit for him. He is, as of now, in an "interdisciplinary program" in order to maintain his athletic eligibility.

Pilgrim, however, has it better than his ex-Kentucky teammate A.J. Stewart. Stewart chose to transfer to Texas State. He spent part of his time this past semester back in Kentucky taking care of his infant son who was born with a brain condition. If his athletic scholarship was guaranteed for four years, would there be any doubt about where he'd be at school? I don't think so.

Dr. Lee Todd Junior, President of the University of Kentucky had this to say, "Sounds like a difficult situation; it's one that probably happens as you choose to get into the intercollegiate athletics."

Just so we are sure where Todd's priorities lie, here is a quote of his universities mission statement:

"The University of Kentucky is a public, research-extensive, land grant university dedicated to improving people's lives."

I bet that Todd and Calipari were thinking of their university's mission statement and not their basketball team's future ranking when dealing with Stewart and his son.

Enter Californian Democrat Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, the author of bill AB 95, which is currently making its rounds through the state senate. Although the bill would not fix everything that's wrong with college sports and it would only affect amateur athletes from California, it is a step in the right direction.

If his bill were to pass the following important changes would take affect for any coach or university representative recruiting in the state of California. Within a week of contacting the athlete, a university representative would have to provide the athlete with among other things:

"Each athletic team's policy concerning the criteria for the renewal or nonrenewal of an athletic scholarship, including circumstances in which a student athlete suffers a temporary or permanent sports-related injury, there is a coaching change, or a student athlete's athletic performance is deemed to be below expectations ... The number and percentage of student athletes on each athletic team whose scholarships were not renewed in each of the previous four years."

One of the NCAA's core values is to maintain "the highest levels of integrity and sportsmanship." How often do you think Pete Carroll went into a kid's house and told him about how many athletic scholarships he hasn't renewed because the athlete got injured? Hopefully this bill will pass soon, forcing coaches, in California at least, to reveal their dirty secrets.

Yet I feel we are all too familiar with California and know how fast politics move around here. The NCAA needs to step in an implement these policies nationwide. The NCAA preaches about academia and that "student" comes before the word "athlete" in student-athlete but its actions speak otherwise. Until these student-athletes are given what they deserve, the NCAA will claim to be for the students.

And that is a lie.

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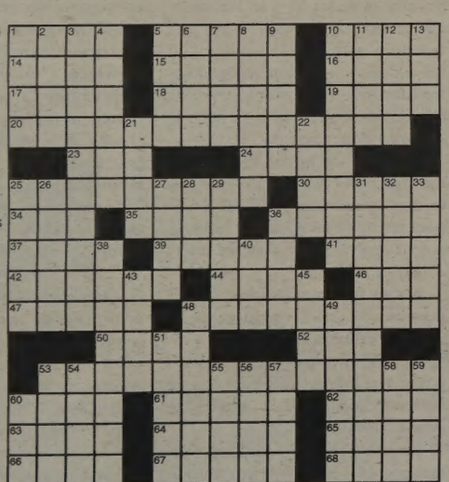

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Jets' Mark Sanchez to have knee surgery

Roderick Boone
NEWSDAY

Mark Sanchez's decision is in. The New York Jets quarterback has opted to have surgery on his left knee. Sanchez is expected to undergo an elective procedure to strengthen and stabilize the ligaments around his patella tendon.

Team orthopedist Dr. Kenneth Montgomery will perform the surgery, probably within the next few weeks, given Sanchez will need about eight weeks of recovery time.

General manager Mike Tannenbaum said last week he was confident Sanchez would be ready well before training camp in July, but indicated he would miss a portion of the Jets' offseason conditioning program that begins later next month.

Sanchez visited Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., last Wednesday, and the renowned orthopedic specialist checked out both of Sanchez's knees.

Andrews recommended surgery on the left knee, not the right one Sanchez injured diving headfirst during a 19-13 win over Buffalo in Toronto Dec. 3.

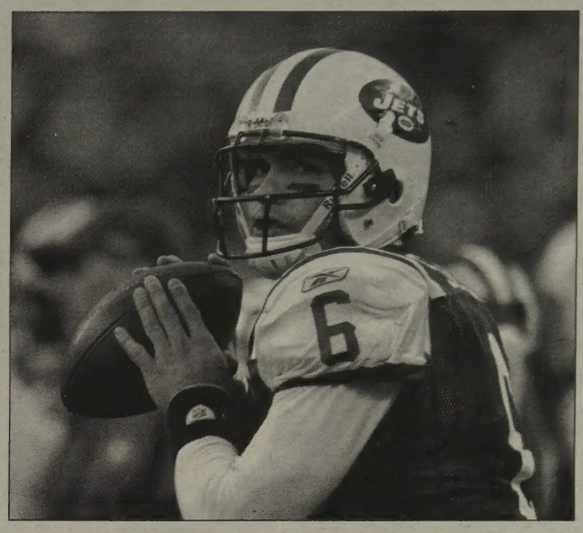
The surgery isn't necessarily a must for Sanchez, but by strengthening the area around the patella tendon, the Jets are hopeful it will help prevent further damage to the knee he originally injured before his junior season at USC and tweaked again in the Jets' 17-6 win over Carolina on Nov. 29.

Sanchez dislocated his left kneecap in August 2008 and played that season with a brace.

He also wore a brace on the knee for protection this season, and played with braces on both knees Dec. 20 against the Falcons. That was his first game after sitting out a 26-3 win over the Bucs to continue rehabilitating his right knee.

Sanchez moved around well during the Jets' postseason run, compiling a 92.7 rating.

He completed 41 of 68 passes for 539 yards, threw for four touchdowns and two interceptions in becoming only the fourth rookie quarterback since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 to start a conference championship game.



MCCLATCHY-TIBUNE

Former USC quarterback Mark Sanchez passed for 2,444 yards and 12 touchdowns in his rookie season with the New York Jets.

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guarantee success, either. But, an attractive, meaty deal plus a heady combination of other personnel moves, including the release of Russell, might stop the Raiders' slide.

Asomugha, 28, will be entering the second season of a three-year, $45.3 million contract, including a team option for 2011. He is financially set regardless of his uniform.

Massive trades have been nearly impossible thanks to the salary cap's birth in 1993. Well, thanks to the soon-to-expire collective-bargaining agreement, 2010 stands to be an uncapped year. Financial ramifications of any major deal don't face the normal blockade.

The Raiders need to do "something else" to produce more productive plays. When is the last time Asomugha made a game-changing play? He takes away half the field with his phenomenal pass coverage, but that still leaves room his Raiders teammates can't protect.

"Seven straight years of losing isn't fun for anyone," Asomugha said in his NFL Network cameo.

Envisioning a franchise-saving trade, however, makes for a fun debate in February.

Lewis

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Lewis nailed both shots and Cal Poly went on to win the game by two, thanks to his clutch free throws.

Lewis said his goals for the rest of the season include winning the Big West conference title and getting into the NCAA tournament, which would be the first time in school history.

"It would mean a lot of exposure for my teammates and the school if we could make it that far," Lewis said.

Throughout his entire career, Lewis said his family has been a huge part of his success. He said his dad always pushed Lewis to be better and never took it easy on him.

His dad has not missed a single game even though Lewis has played at least 200 games throughout his life. Lewis added his mom is a big emotional supporter and oftentimes will come watch him play when the Mustangs are at home.

Despite the obstacles he has faced, Lewis is thankful to be playing the game he loves. He said he would not change anything about the path he has taken and cannot imagine himself doing anything else.

"He has the athleticism and the drive to position himself to play professionally in the future," Callero said.

No matter what happens, Lewis said he wants to use his God-given talent to keep him playing basketball as long as he can.

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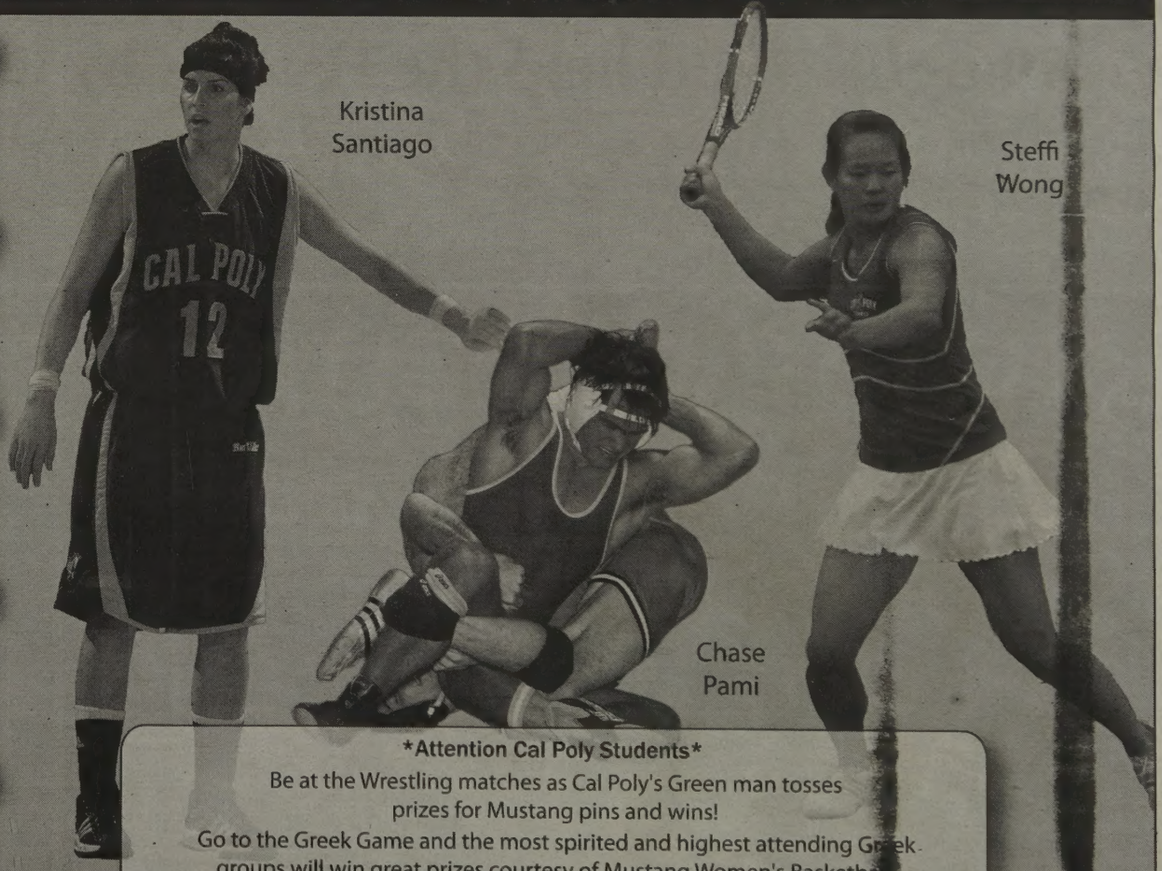

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Junior guard Shawn Lewis' hard work pays off

Patrick Leiva
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Throughout his entire life, Shawn Lewis has known one thing: basketball. Ever since he received a Fisher Price basketball hoop when he was 2 years old, Lewis has been hooked.

Lewis began his basketball career in elementary school and always had his eye set on being able to dunk. He said it started out as just being able to touch the rim, but grew into a goal of his. Lewis went straight to his dad to ask how to accomplish his goal, and his dad started him on a training program right away.

"I would run or hop up 100 or 200 steps everyday after school," Lewis said. "Those steps were real steep and tough on my legs."

When seventh grade rolled around, Lewis was able to jam for the first time. He said it was a great experience to accomplish his goal and something he will always remember.

Lewis did not start his high school career with the best of beginnings. He attended Berkeley High School and played on the varsity team as a freshman. Unfortunately, Lewis said he continually clashed with his head coach since the coach did not like Lewis' dad being so involved in the game. In the middle of his sophomore year, Lewis transferred to Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland.

At Bishop O'Dowd, his struggles continued with his new head coach. Following his junior year, his coach was fired. With a new coach, Lewis led his team to the state championship game where they lost to Artesia High School, but Lewis said he learned a great deal about himself as a player.

"With everything that happened in high school, it made me appreciate the struggle more and made me stronger as a player," Lewis said.

> "He has the athleticism and drive to position himself to play professionally in the futute."
>
> —Joe Callero
> Men's basketball head coach

At Cal Poly, Lewis has been a consistent contributor ever since gaining a starting spot midway through his freshman season. He said his strong work ethic is a major reason for his success at this level. Lewis said when he sees someone in the gym working on their game he wants to go to work immediately to improve his own.

"I don't like the sense that anyone is getting better than me," Lewis said.

His teammates have noticed the extra work Lewis has put in to improve himself. Senior forward Ryan Darling said Lewis is always working after practice and is one of the last people to leave every night.

"He will constantly be in the gym getting extra shots in and working on his ball handling," Darling said. "He sets a great example for the rest of the team through his play."

Lewis' dedication to the game has impressed head coach Joe Callero this year. Callero said Lewis is the most exciting player on the team who can do it all and is improving every day.

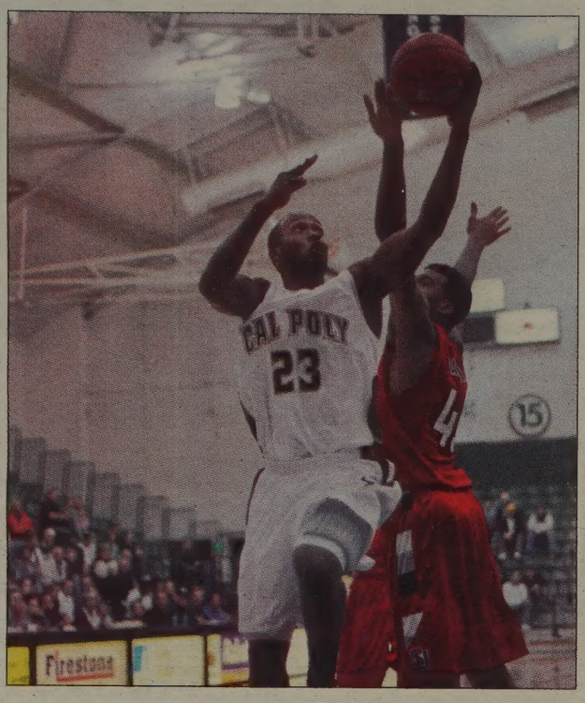
"Shawn is improving himself as a complete player instead of just being a stereotypical athlete," Callero said.

Callero is also impressed with his ability to remain focused on his goals both on and off the court.

Lewis' competitive nature remains one of the strongest aspects of his game along with his athletic ability.

"He brings strength and power to our team," Darling said. "His hops are out of control."

Lewis has used these aspects of his game to average 10.1 points per game and dish out 2.4 assists per game through 20 games this season. One of the biggest moments for him this season was during a recent home game against UC Riverside. Lewis was fouled with 1.9 seconds remaining and the game tied at 65. He stepped to the line for two shots with the game in balance.



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Junior guard Shawn Lewis is averaging 10 points per game this season. Lewis recorded a season high 22 points against Pepperdine earlier this year.

"I had to make those shots," Lewis said. "I got a chance to get the win for my team and I'm grateful for that opportunity."

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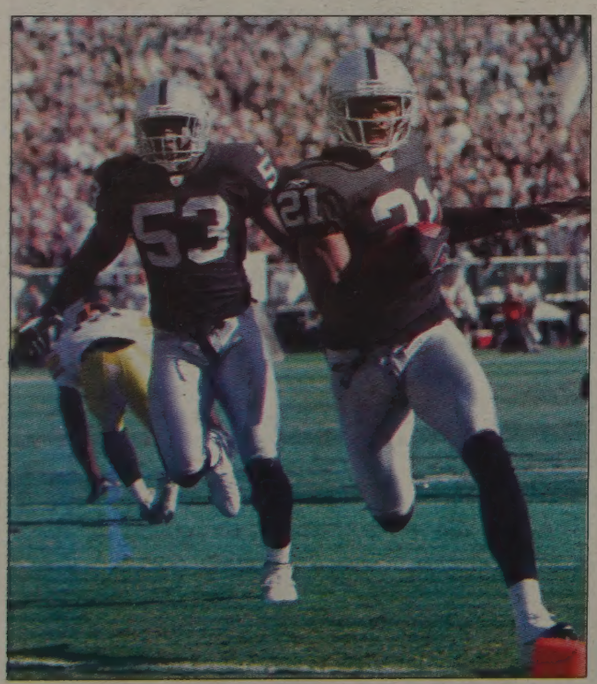
Asomugha could help the Raiders by leaving them

Cam Inman
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

I love New York ... as the next home of Nnamdi Asomugha, the Raiders' Pro Bowl cornerback who apparently has his eye on joining the Jets.

Get rid of Nnamdi? The sanest voice in the NFL's looniest locker room? The Raiders' best player, at least among those who don't kick a football for a living?



MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Pro-bowl cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha has recorded 11 interceptions and 56 pass deflections in his seven-year career with Oakland.

Yes, yes and yes. Do the deal, as long as Al Davis nabs a franchise-saving package of draft picks and players in return.

Asomugha's value is sky high. The Raiders, since Asomugha's rookie year of 2003, have been 6 feet under.

Even at his peak, he hasn't stopped their tailspin and five-win seasons. He is a magnificent bargaining chip who could generate a blockbuster trade, along the standard set by Herschel Walker going from the Dallas Cowboys to the Minnesota Vikings in 1989.

The Cowboys parlayed that trade into a dynasty-building effort. Davis lives to build another dynasty as the Raiders' watch commander, and he is annually making high-profile trades.

Asomugha chirped up about a "dead serious" trade scenario after Sunday night's Pro Bowl. The goal: To partner up with his fellow AFC starting cornerback, the Jets' Darrelle Revis.

"Me and Revis have been talking to Rex (Ryan, the Jets coach) to try to do something," Asomugha told espn.com. "You may see us in the future. There's a little bit of talk going on. Either he's coming to Oakland or something else will happen."

Revis isn't coming to Oakland, so eliminate that scenario right now. The Jets absolutely cannot part ways with the player who keyed their surprising run to the AFC Championship game.

And what could the Raiders even give up to acquire a player of Revis' stature? Packaging All-Pro punter Shane Lecher, soon-to-be-franchise-tagged defensive lineman Richard Seymour and still-too-invisible running back Darren McFadden? That could be intriguing, but the Jets aren't the team in desperate need of such sweeping roster changes.

The "something else will happen" scenario makes a ton more sense. Asomugha phrased it brilliantly. He didn't rip the Raiders, saving him from Al's evil eye patch. He simply opened a door to an inviting idea.

"This is a team where the players, we can speak up as much as we want. But there are people in charge and that's how the show is going to be run," Asomugha told the NFL Network at Pro Bowl practice last week. "We definitely have talent. It goes to us being a little more disciplined when we're out on the field."

What could the Jets give up in return? They've got draft picks (29th overall this year, a first-rounder next year to replace the one Oakland gave up for Seymour in 2009). Other bait: an expendable quarterback in Kellen Clemens, a restricted free agent in wide receiver Braylon Edwards and a draft bust in defensive end Vernon Gholston, whom Davis might eye as a trademark reclamation project (along with the current JaMarcus Russell Project).

One team's trash (and a slew of draft picks) could be treasure in Davis' mind. If Davis fails to make good with that incoming bounty, it could convince him to hire a personnel czar.

Asomugha is the type of player any franchise should covet, especially the Raiders. He is a wonderful role model, both on the field and off it. He worked his way to elite status and is rarely tested (hence: only one interception each of past three seasons).

New York would love him.

Oakland would mourn losing him. But Oakland-area fans are numb to seeing homegrown stars leave town for multiple prospects (see: A's, Billy Beane). And Raiders fans are used to high-profile trades: Randy Moss in 2005 (and '07), DeAngelo Hall in '08 and Seymour in '09. None of those trades reaped the benefits Davis anticipated.

Trading away Asomugha won't

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